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Mr. Albert Kornfeld
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Dear Mr. Kornfeld:

While I am flattered to be thought of as the watch-dog of public safety, I am afraid our friend, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, might take issue with this interpretation in your letter of September 7th. I must admit that, like yourself, I have often viewed with alarm the enthusiastic efforts we make to advertise all of our resources and all of our intentions.

My functions, however, lie entirely outside the U. S. and have very little to do with American citizens who travel abroad under duly authenticated passports.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Smith

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